

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Version # _____

APP # 700217

ITEM 1. Proposed Project

This project will provide the basic level of law enforcement needs for each of the four Ranger Districts on the Eldorado National Forest, including patrols, installation and maintenance of signs, public contacts and education, and distributing maps. As shown on the location map (Form B), the Eldorado National Forest is located in the central Sierra Nevada, about one hour's travel time from Sacramento, Stockton, and other urban areas. The Forest is bisected by two major State highways (Highway 50 and Highway 88). OHV opportunities and use occurs on each of the four Ranger Districts.

Patrols will be conducted on each Ranger District, focusing on popular OHV use areas, and areas of special concerns or with recurring law enforcement issues, although patrol staff will attempt to visit as many of the routes as possible across the Forest over the year. The popular OHV use areas include Elkins Flat, Gold Note, Rock Creek, Strawberry 4WD Trail, Barrett 4WD Trail, Rubicon 4WD Trail and Rubicon Canyon, Squaw Ridge area, and Blue Lakes area. The patrols will be conducted by an appropriate mix of Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) and Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's). This project will fund 602 person-days of FPO patrols and for summer and winter law enforcement covering approximately 1,002 miles of dirt roads, 210 miles of motorized trails, 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, and approximately 25,000 acres of area open for snowmobile riding. The Forest will contribute an additional 408 person days of FPO patrols, 280 days of LEO patrols, and other supporting resources. Patrols will visit open routes as well as closed or restricted areas, and will include summer and winter efforts. An additional 455 days of volunteer patrols and public contacts will also be contributed.

The planned patrols will occur throughout the year. However, the Forest will have an increased presence during the high use season (generally May through October) and will focus coverage on weekends and holidays. The patrols will enforce restrictions on traveling on designated routes, wet weather and other seasonal closures, prohibiting wilderness incursions as well as various vehicle code requirements.

One of the primary tools for informing and educating the public is the newly prepared Motor vehicle Use Map (MVUM), which implements the recent Travel Management decision. The availability and readability of this map will be a great improvement in enforcement. Other visitor information and education is provided through visitor information specialists at the front desks at the Forest Supervisor's Office and each Ranger District Office, distribution of various brochures, and maintaining a number of information kiosks and signs around the Forest (containing rules and regulations, safety, and resource protection information). Additional signing is installed around the Forest during seasonal closure periods and where other unique regulations apply to inform users that the trails are closed. Other ways that visitors can learn whether the trails are open or closed is through the Eldorado National Forest website, the recorded message machine for the Georgetown Ranger District, and an email message sent to email lists maintained by the Forest to notify people when the roads or trails are closed and opened. The ENF has a long history of successfully communicating with the motoring public.

ITEM 2. Project Coverage

The Eldorado National Forest provides motor vehicle recreation opportunities on 913 miles of dirt roads which are open to all types of motor vehicles (including highway licensed vehicles and OHVs), 89 miles of dirt roads open only to high clearance highway licensed vehicles, 58 miles of high clearance trails, 37 miles of trails open to ATVs and motorcycles, and 115 miles of trails open only to motorcycles. These roads and trail opportunities are used for a variety of recreational purposes, including OHV recreation, sightseeing and driving for pleasure, access to hunting, fishing, or picnicking, and for access for other non-motorized recreation. The Forest also grooms 60 miles of snowmobile trails and allows snowmobile travel across 25,000 acres.

ITEM 3. Describe the frequency of the patrols

Planned law enforcement patrols will occur throughout the year. However, the Forest will have an increased presence during the high use season (generally May through October) and will focus coverage on weekends and holidays. The patrols will be conducted by an appropriate mix of Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) and Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's). This project will fund 602 person-days of FPO patrols for summer and winter law enforcement. The Forest will contribute an additional 408 person days of FPO patrols, 280 person days of LEO patrols, and other supporting resources. Patrols will visit open routes as well as closed or restricted areas, and will include summer and winter efforts. An additional

455 days of volunteer patrols and public contacts will also be contributed.

ITEM 4. Deployment of Personnel

Law Enforcement patrols will be conducted by Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) with full law enforcement authority and Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) which have the authority to enforce federal and certain State vehicle code requirements. There are 6 Law Enforcement Officers that cover the Eldorado National Forest and a total of 20 FPOs (including both the FPOs funded through this project and the matching FPOs and LEOs).

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Version # _____

APP # 700217

Law Enforcement - Page 1

1. Identify areas with high priority law enforcement needs because of public safety, cultural resources, and sensitive environmental habitats, including wilderness areas and areas of critical environmental concerns:

Sensitive ecological areas include meadows, streams and stream crossings along designated routes, sensitive plant occurrences and sensitive wildlife habitat identified through the travel management analysis, and sensitive cultural resources close to designated roads and trails. OSV and OHV incursions have occurred into Mokelumne Wilderness, near Forestdale Divide.

2. Describe how the proposed Project relates to OHV Recreation and will sustain OHV Recreation, motorized off-highway access to non-motorized recreation, or OHV Opportunities associated with the Project Area:

Motor vehicle recreation opportunities occur on 1,002 miles of dirt roads open to all types of motor vehicles, 58 miles of high clearance trails, 37 miles of trails open to ATVs and motorcycles, 115 miles of trails open only to motorcycles, 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 25,000 acres open to snowmobile riding. These routes are used for a variety of recreational purposes, including OHV recreation, sightseeing and driving for pleasure, access to hunting, fishing, or picnicking, and for access for other non-motorized recreation.

3. Describe the Applicant's formal or informal cooperation with other law enforcement agencies:

The Forest has formal cooperative agreements with the Alpine, Amador, El Dorado and Placer County Sheriff's Offices. These agreements identify how the Forest Service will cooperate with the County Sheriff, including areas of patrols, shared responsibilities, etc.

Law Enforcement - Page 2

4. Does the Applicant recover a portion of the law enforcement costs directly associated with privately sponsored OHV events where sponsors have obtained a local permit? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Explain

Permit holders are not charged for the cost of law enforcement associated with permitted events. Volunteers assist in conducting sound monitoring and compliance with other rules at the few OHV events on the Forest annually. Other law enforcement is provided as a part of the routine work of law enforcement patrols.

5. The Applicant agrees to implement a public education program that includes information on safety programs available in the area and how to report OHV violations? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

6. Describe the Applicant's OHV law enforcement training program including how the training program educates personnel to address OHV safety and natural and cultural resource protection:

The Forest conducts annual Forest Protection Officer training and refresher courses which address OHV rules and regulations, safe law enforcement practices, and enforcement of resource protection rules and regulations. Additional training is provided to FPOs regarding safe use of OHVs. LEOs also receive extensive training on rules and regulations.

Law Enforcement - Page 3

7. Is the proposed project in accordance with local or federal plans and the OHMVR Division Strategic Plan? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
8. LOCAL AGENCIES ONLY - Describe the Applicant's policies and/or agreements regarding enforcement on federal land:
9. COUNTIES ONLY - Describe how the OHV in-lieu of tax funds are being used and whether the use of these fees complements the Applicant's project:

Law Enforcement - Page 4

10. APPLICANTS WHO MANAGE OHV RECREATION FACILITIES – Describe how your organization is meeting its operation and maintenance needs:

The Eldorado Forest is applying for ground operations funding to supplement federal funds received by the agency, along with other partnerships and volunteer efforts. The Forest has hired seasonal and permanent staff to complete road and trail maintenance, install and maintain signs and barriers, and maintain other facilities that support OHV recreation. We have also been working diligently with various clubs and groups to complete volunteer trail maintenance projects, as well as to provide public information and education.

11. The Applicant agrees to enforce the registration of OHVs and the other provision of Division 16.5 commencing with Section 38000 of the vehicle code and to enforce other applicable laws regarding the operation of OHVs? (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Eldorado NF - Patrol District
Application: Law Enforcement

6/2/2009

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:		Version # _____	APP # _____
APPLICANT NAME :	USFS - Eldorado NF - Patrol District		
PROJECT TITLE :	Law Enforcement	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>This project will provide the basic level of law enforcement needs for each of the four Ranger Districts on the Eldorado National Forest, including patrols, installation and maintenance of signs, public contacts and education, and distributing maps. As shown on the location map (Form B), the Eldorado National Forest is located in the central Sierra Nevada, about one hour's travel time from Sacramento, Stockton, and other urban areas. The Forest is bisected by two major State highways (Highway 50 and Highway 88). OHV opportunities and use occurs on each of the four Ranger Districts.</p> <p>Patrols will be conducted on each Ranger District, focusing on popular OHV use areas, and areas of special concerns or with recurring law enforcement issues, although patrol staff will attempt to visit as many of the routes as possible across the Forest over the year. The popular OHV use areas include Elkins Flat, Gold Note, Rock Creek, Strawberry 4WD Trail, Barrett 4WD Trail, Rubicon 4WD Trail and Rubicon Canyon, Squaw Ridge area, and Blue Lakes area. The patrols will be conducted by an appropriate mix of Forest Protection Officers (FPO's) and Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's). This project will fund 602 person-days of FPO patrols and for summer and winter law enforcement covering approximately 1,002 miles of dirt roads, 210 miles of motorized trails, 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, and approximately 25,000 acres of area open for snowmobile riding. The Forest will contribute an additional 408 person days of FPO patrols, 280 days of LEO patrols, and other supporting resources. Patrols will visit open routes as well as closed or restricted areas, and will include summer and winter efforts. An additional 455 days of volunteer patrols and public contacts will also be contributed.</p> <p>The planned patrols will occur throughout the year. However, the Forest will have an increased presence during the high use season (generally May through October) and will focus coverage on weekends and holidays. The patrols will enforce restrictions on traveling on designated routes, wet weather and other seasonal closures, prohibiting wilderness incursions as well as various vehicle code requirements.</p> <p>One of the primary tools for informing and educating the public is the newly prepared Motor vehicle Use Map (MVUM), which implements the recent Travel Management decision. The availability and readability of this map will be a great improvement in enforcement. Other visitor information and education is provided through visitor information specialists at the front desks at the Forest Supervisor's Office and each Ranger District Office, distribution of various brochures, and maintaining a number of information kiosks and signs around the Forest (containing rules and regulations, safety, and resource protection information). Additional signing is installed around the Forest during seasonal closure periods and where other unique regulations apply to inform users that the trails are closed. Other ways that visitors can learn whether the trails are open or closed is through the Eldorado National Forest website, the recorded message machine for the Georgetown Ranger District, and an email message sent to email lists maintained by the Forest to notify people when the roads or trails are closed and opened. The ENF has a long history of successfully communicating with the motoring public.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Law Enforcement Officers	280.000	350.000	DAY	0.00	98,000.00	98,000.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Eldorado NF - Patrol District
Application: Law Enforcement

6/2/2009

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-FPO Patol	450.000	150.000	DAY	49,500.00	18,000.00	67,500.00
	Other-Lead Patrol/Mgr	380.000	250.000	DAY	68,067.00	26,933.00	95,000.00
	Other-Volunteer Coordinator	40.000	150.000	DAY	3,000.00	3,000.00	6,000.00
	Other-FPO/FPT Patrol	180.000	250.000	DAY	0.00	45,000.00	45,000.00
	Other-District Ranger	20.000	425.000	DAY	0.00	8,500.00	8,500.00
	Other-Resource Officer	80.000	325.000	DAY	18,000.00	8,000.00	26,000.00
	Other-Recreation Officer	36.000	400.000	DAY	4,000.00	10,400.00	14,400.00
	Other-LE Patrol Captain	28.000	400.000	DAY	0.00	11,200.00	11,200.00
	Other-Volunteer Patrols/Barrier work	3464.000	11.600	HRS	0.00	40,182.00	40,182.00
	Other-Information Specialists	240.000	150.000	DAY	0.00	36,000.00	36,000.00
	Other-Dist Recreation Officer	40.000	325.000	DAY	7,000.00	6,000.00	13,000.00
	Total for Staff				149,567.00	311,215.00	460,782.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Sound Meter Calibration	4.000	475.000	EA	950.00	950.00	1,900.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Signs Notes : Replacement signs at staging areas	4.000	375.000	EA	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Signs Notes : Regulatory and boundary signs with stickers to identify designated routes, closed routes, and wilderness boundaries	300.000	25.000	EA	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Vehicle use for FPOs, LEOs and others	88800.00 0	0.450	MI	24,793.00	15,167.00	39,960.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
Agency: USFS - Eldorado NF - Patrol District
Application: Law Enforcement

6/2/2009

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Vehicle Replacement	36.000	310.000	MOS	0.00	11,160.00	11,160.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Motorcycle fuel and maintenance	16.000	165.000	MOS	2,640.00	0.00	2,640.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : ATV fuel and maintenance	8.000	165.000	MOS	1,320.00	0.00	1,320.00
	Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Notes : Snowmobile fuel and maintenance	4.000	165.000	MOS	660.00	0.00	660.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				29,413.00	26,327.00	55,740.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
	Training	14.000	250.000	EA	1,750.00	1,750.00	3,500.00
	Other-Rubicon Patrol per diem	80.000	54.000	DAY	4,320.00	0.00	4,320.00
	Total for Others				6,070.00	1,750.00	7,820.00
7	Administrative Costs						
	Administrative Costs-Billings and record	4.000	5000.000	EA	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00
	Total Program Expenses				200,000.00	355,242.00	555,242.00
	TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES				200,000.00	355,242.00	555,242.00
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES				200,000.00	355,242.00	555,242.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2008/2009
 Agency: USFS - Eldorado NF - Patrol District
 Application: Law Enforcement

6/2/2009

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	149,567.00	311,215.00	460,782.00	
2	Contracts	950.00	950.00	1,900.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	29,413.00	26,327.00	55,740.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	6,070.00	1,750.00	7,820.00	
7	Administrative Costs	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		200,000.00	355,242.00	555,242.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		200,000.00	355,242.00	555,242.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		200,000.00	355,242.00	555,242.00	

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Version # _____

APP # 700217

ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. ITEM 2 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- c. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☒ Yes ☐ No
- d. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 3 – 9

ITEM 3 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

ITEM 4 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

ITEM 5 - Soil Impacts

ITEM 6 - Damage to Scenic Resources

ITEM 7 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 8 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the potential impacts and for any substantially adverse changes in the significance of historical or cultural resources and measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the impacts.

ITEM 9 - Indirect Significant Impacts

CEQA/NEPA Attachment